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SUBJECT: CUBAN COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ENCOUNTERED CUBAN FIRST
SECRETARY (CARLOS GOMEZ OWEN) DURING SPANISH NATIONAL
DAY RECEPTION JUNE 24. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION IN
WHICH SEVERAL THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS TOOK PART,
GOMEZ MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSERTIONS WORTH REPORTING:

-- CUBAN MILITARY UNITS IN LUANDA SUPPORTED PRESIDENT
AGOSTINHO NETO DURING THE RECENT COUP ATTEMPT. NITO
ALVES' REBEL FORCES WERE NOT EGGED ON BY THE USSR,
AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, BUT BY THE CHINESE.

-- ANGOLA GOVERNMENT WANTS TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH MORE WESTERN NATIONS. THE LACK
OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA
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AFTER MANY MONTHS IS A PROBLEM OF BUREAUCRATIC
CONFUSION AND NOT OF POLICY. HE CITED THE PRESENCE
OF AN ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA AS EXAMPLE OF THIS
POLICY AND STATED THERE WOULD SOON BE ANOTHER WESTERN
EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA. HE INDICATED THAT
THE COUNTRY WAS SPAIN.

2. COMMENT: A SPANISH EMBOFF TOLD US THE EMBASSY
HERE HAS NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT GOMEZ-OWENS' ASSERTION
RE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA. CHAMBERS

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